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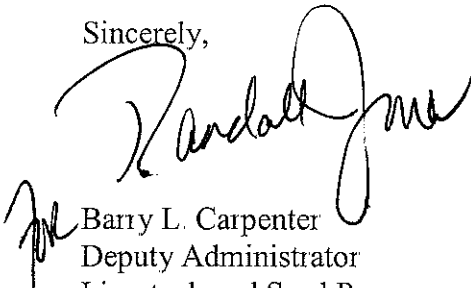
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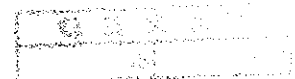
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cc: Michelle Sharrow, FAS

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September 28, 2005

Yvonne Dock
USDA-AMS-LS-MP
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Room 2629-S, STOP 0251
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Yvonne:

In a fax vote on September 28, 2005, the Executive Committee of the United Soybean Board approved one direct-managed project for FY 2005. The project will begin immediately with funding of the project from FY 2005 Board Unallocated:

Project #	Project Name	Contractor	Budget	End Date
5583	Soy Promotion through Hurricane Relief	Direct-managed	\$75,000	12/31/05

We request your review and concurrence of the project listed above as soon as possible in order that the United Soybean Board might contribute to the relief of U.S. soybean farmers in the hurricane-affected areas.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call if you need additional information or have any questions

Sincerely,

Janice Dahl
Executive Director

CC: Greg Anderson
Brenda Malottke

PROJECT NUMBER: 5583
PROJECT TITLE: Soy Promotion through Hurricane Relief
COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT: Direct-managed (Executive Committee)
PROJECT MANAGER: John Becherer, CEO
PROJECT END DATE: December 31, 2005
BUDGET: \$75,000

CONSTRAINTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, soybean farmers in the affected areas are struggling with devastating loss. The challenge to the United Soybean Board is to contribute to the relief efforts in the region while promoting the use of soy.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In order to ease the devastation and financial burdens of farmers affected by Hurricane Katrina, the United Soybean Board will provide the following items:

- 1) Louisiana: \$25,000 worth of livestock feed (soy inclusion)
 USB will reimburse the Louisiana Cattleman's Association for feed that is being provided at a discounted price directly to Louisiana farmers in the hurricane affected area.
- 2) Mississippi/Alabama: \$50,000 for the cost of biodiesel, (including the shipping, handling, and transportation costs) and delivery of the fuel from a biodiesel refinery to Greenville, MS where it will be distributed at a discounted price to ag fuel Distributorships and farmer co-ops in Alabama and Mississippi.

EVALUATION:

This project will be monitored closely by the Executive Committee and the USB CEO. The intent of the project is primarily one of relief for hurricane-affected farmers however, the project will also be evaluated based on the value gained by the soybean checkoff for the resulting positive communication and public relations as well as increased use of biodiesel in the states of Mississippi and Alabama.

BUDGET DETAIL: \$75,000 (\$25,000 livestock feed; \$50,000 biodiesel)